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Office of the
Board of
Territorial Prison Commissioners
Yuma. A.T.
Nov. 15th 1883.

Annual Report.

Sir:

In obedience to that provision of the Statutes of the Territory, requiring a report to be made to the Executive, on the first day of December of each year, we have the honor to lay before Your Excellency, the following.—

The new board of Commissioners entered upon their duties, on the 12th day of February 1883, at a special meeting and the old board then retired.

On the 2d day of April following, their duties commenced in Regular Session, at which the usual routine business was transacted in the auditing of accounts, and issuing calls for Bids to furnish Prison Supplies for the next Fiscal Year.

On the 11th of June following the Board again convened, and the then Secretary having tendered his resignation to take effect at once, the same was accepted, and another appointed, and immediately qualified. Bids for supplies, and services, agreeable to published notices, were received, considered, and contracts awarded for Beef, Wood, Medical Services and attendance, Provisions Clothing, Bedding, and Contingent necessities.

On the following day the then Superintendent of the Prison tendered his resignation - it was accepted another appointment made and qualification perfected. Since then, the usual routine business of the Board has followed, viz— inspection of the Prison, and such orders in its connection as were deemed proper or necessary for facilitating the progress of the convict labor— their care, and general treatment, and audit of accounts.

The Report of the Superintendent, embracing the Report of the Medical Officer, is hereto appended, and made a part hereof. It conveying the transactions had at the Prison proper— offers interesting Statistical tables of the "Number of "Prisoners received and discharged "from Nov 1. 1882. to Nov 1. 1883

The contribution of Prisoners from each County of the Territory.

The period of incarceration.

Their distinctive location in life ante-conviction.

The classification of crimes.

the Sanitary condition of the Prison generally, with special mention of certain cases, ending in decease; in fact, exhaustive of the matters treated. It is commendable throughout, and without discriminating, is good evidence of the harmonious working of the different persons, engaged in this special service of the Territory.

Casualty

Shortly after the resignation of the late Secretary, it was ascertained that an amount of money had been paid into his hands by the General Government in settlement of board of U.S. Prisoners confined in the Penitentiary, and not accounted for. He has been absent from the Territory since his resignation, and no accounting has been had. It has been found necessary to apply to the Dep^t of Justice for information and when received, the deficit will be ascertained, and the basis reached, for further demand upon, and settlement by, the Int., for cases not presented.

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Finances.

Upon accession of the present Board to the control of Prison affairs, it was understood that an undetermined balance of the appropriation of 1881, raised by Sale of Bonds, was still in the hands of the Treasurer of the late Board. Three thousand Dollars has already been transferred to the Treasurer of the present Board. ~~any~~

Amount transferred $3000.—

" Expended. $910.07

" Balance on hand 2089.93 [illegible]

on account of which have been transmitted to the Territorial Auditor, as the law directs, and any other and further amount, is in process of adjustment. In the "Library Fund" there exists the sum of $1825 subject to such disposition for the purpose intended, as the judgment of the Board may determine.

Expenses

The average number of prisoners as shown by the record and the Superintendent's report, from Nov. 1st 1882 to Nov. 1st 1883. has been Ninety Six and a fraction. For the purpose of the following showing, the fraction is dropped, as sufficiently approximate in this case when treated as average.

The total expenditure

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is classified as follows—viz

Nov. and Dec. 1882	$6019.16
Jany to Apl. 1883.	9940.86.
Expenditures amount expended under sale of Bonds of 1881 from Nov. 1882 to Apl. 1883.	6000.00
April 1st 1883 to July 1st	12787.63
July 1st " to Oct 1.	13.089.42
Oct 1st " to Nov 1. approximate, based on expenditures of previous quarter	4.500.00
Total....	$52.337.07

producing a per diem per capita for the entire period, including everything of $1.52

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Against these figures must be carried the labor performed as shown by the Report of the Superintendent.— The material and machinery on hand, with created permanence of cells, guard house, house for Superintendent, stone boulders ready for use, and another for construction of exterior wall, Nearing One thousand Dollars in value; at ordinary market value.

Little remains to be said. The affairs of the Prison are conducted in a harmonious manner throughout, and while practical economy is the rule, there is no hesitancy in making extraordinary expenditures, when the reason is apparent. The whole thing is a power in motion constantly forging ahead. It can neither be delayed or stopped, and prudential anticipation is constantly alert to prevent either the one, or the other.

The Board entertains the belief that further legislation can be had, of an advantageous

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character, and at the proper time will submit their views to your Excellency and solicit your approval and recommendation

Respectfully Submitted

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Chairman

Geo. F. Foote
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Secretary.

To his Excellency
F. A. Tritle
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Prescott
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